




**Effect of targeted ovarian cancer  
therapy using amniotic fluid  
mesenchymal stem cells  
transfected with enhanced green  
fluorescent protein-human  
interleukin-2 in vivo**

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# Introduction

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Ovarian cancer is one of the most lethal types of gynecological malignancies

Cell lines and animal models are valuable research tools<sup>[2]</sup>

Chemotherapy is poor in recurrent patients<sup>[1]</sup>

In our previous studies, the SKOV3 human ovarian carcinoma cell line<sup>[3]</sup>

The aim of current research is to establish novel therapeutic methods



# introduction



IL-2

cytokine



Function[4,5]

- stimulating the proliferation of T cells
- inducing cytotoxic T lymphocyte generation
- inducing the production of natural killer cells



Increase[6]

In cancer, including ovarian cancer, metastatic melanoma and renal cell carcinoma

# Introduction

- when IL-2 is administered systemically at high doses have side effect:
- malaise, fever, nausea, and vomiting<sup>[7]</sup>
- more severe reactions, hepatic dysfunction, increased capillary permeability and decreased systemic vascular resistance<sup>[8]</sup>
- therapeutic strategy that specifically delivers IL-2 to the tumor location may significantly reduce the required IL-2 dosage

# introduction

stem cells are becoming an important source of cells for cellular therapy<sup>[9]</sup>

mesenchymal stem cells isolated from human second and third trimester AF and

IL-2 and the green fluorescent protein (GFP) gene fused form a plasmid vector, transfect to MSC

intravenously injected at various doses into ovarian cancer nude mice

Tumor formation, the expression of IL-2 were analyzed

The aim of the study evaluate the migratory AF-MSCs into tumor cells in vivo, determine their function as delivery vehicles for anti-tumor molecules, such as IL-2



## Material method and Result



# Isolation and culture of MSCs

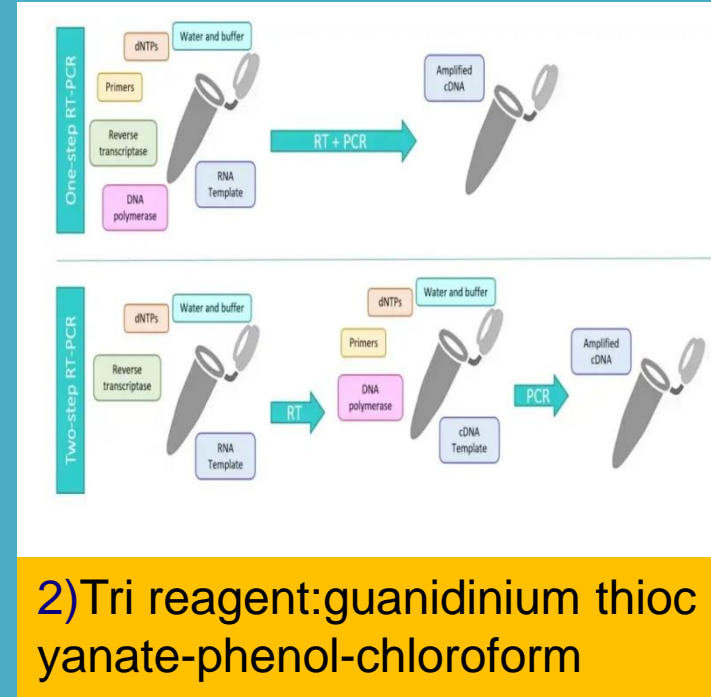
- ethical approval.
- consent was obtained from each volunteer
- AF samples from 30 female volunteers
- The samples centrifuged at 100 g for 5 min
- DMEM,FBS,Penestrep
- non-adhering cells were removed.



Figure 3. Human AF mesenchymal stem cells from second trimester AF (magnification, x50). AF, amniotic fluid.

# characterization Msc

- Markers of AF-MSCs analysed by RT-PCR
- Total RNA extracted from MSCs using Tri Reagent, onestep pcr
- Primers oct 4  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{sence: 5'-CGTGAAGCTGGAGAAGGAGAAGCTG-3'} \\ \text{anti sense: 5'-CAAGGGCCGCAGCTTACACATGTTC-3'} \end{array} \right.$
- Primers B-actine  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{sense: 5';TGGCACCACACCTTCTACAATGAGC-3'} \\ \text{anti sense: 5'-GCACAGCTTCTCCTTAATGTCACGC-3'} \end{array} \right.$



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- NTERA-2 cells line a pluripotent embryonic carcinoma as positive control
- MRC-5 cells line a human diploid fibroblasts lung tissue as negative controls

1) Oct4 are transcription factors It is critically involved in the self-renewal of undifferentiated stem cells

2) Highly expressed in SC, embryonic carcinoma cell, embryonic germ cell.

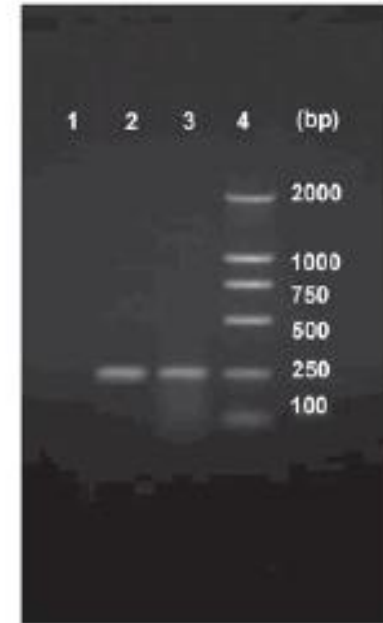


Figure 5. Enhanced green fluorescent protein-transfected amniotic fluid mesenchymal stem cells express OCT4. Lane 1, negative control; lane 2, positive control; lane 3, OCT4 mRNA; lane 4, marker. OCT4, octamer-binding protein 4.

# EGFP gene transfection into MSCs

- 40-micro l Lipofectamine 20 h mixed with AF\_MSC
- One week later, the stable transfectants were selected with G418
- expression of EGFP in the cell monitored under UV microscope

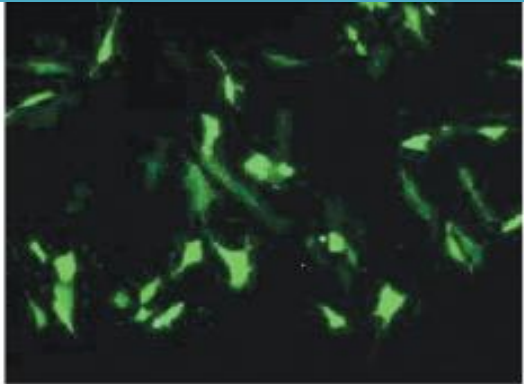
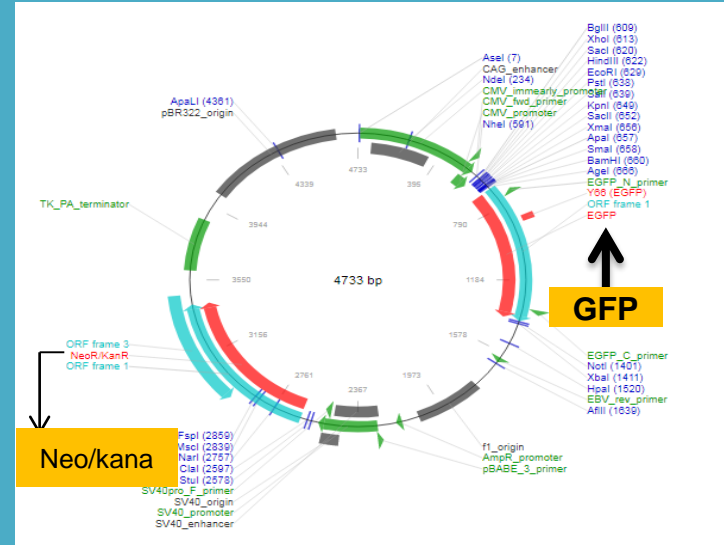


Figure 4. Enhanced green fluorescent protein-transfected amniotic fluid mesenchymal stem cells (magnification, x50).



G418 blocks polypeptide synthesis by inhibiting the elongation step in both prokaryotic and eukaryotic.

# hIL-2 gene extraction

- Peripheral blood samples
- lymphocyte separating medium centrifuged at  $150 \times g$  for 15 min
- First layer, plasma; second layer, lymphocytes and monocytes; third layer, lymphocyte
- broken down using TRIzol.Rna extract. RT-PCR was performed to synthesize cDNA(462 bp)

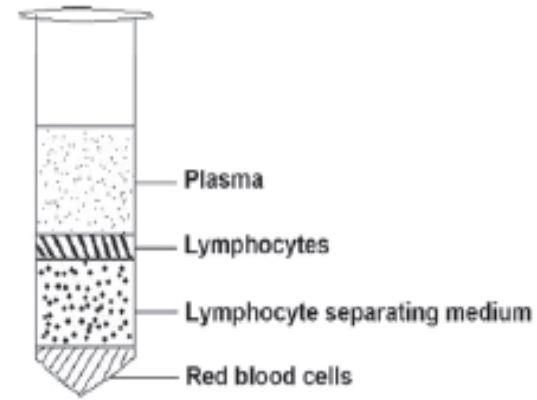


Figure 1. Blood was separated into four layers using lymphocyte separating medium.

Upstream primer: 5'GGAATTCATGTACAGGATG3'

Downstream primer: 5'GACTGAACTCAGCTGG3'



# hIL-2 gene identification

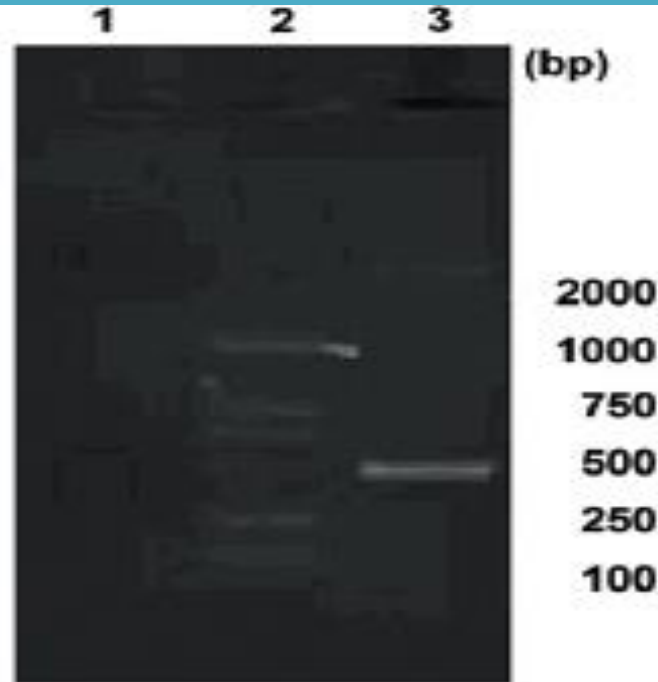


Figure 7. Reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction analysis of hIL-2 gene expressed. Lanes: 1, water negative control; 2, marker; 3, hIL-2. hIL-2, human interleukin-2.

# hIL-2 gene segment cloning and identification.

- product was combined with a pMD18-T Simple Vector
- JM109 competent cells, heat shoke
- spread on (LB) agar plates with X-gal, digested with EcoR I and Sal I , electrophoresis was performed

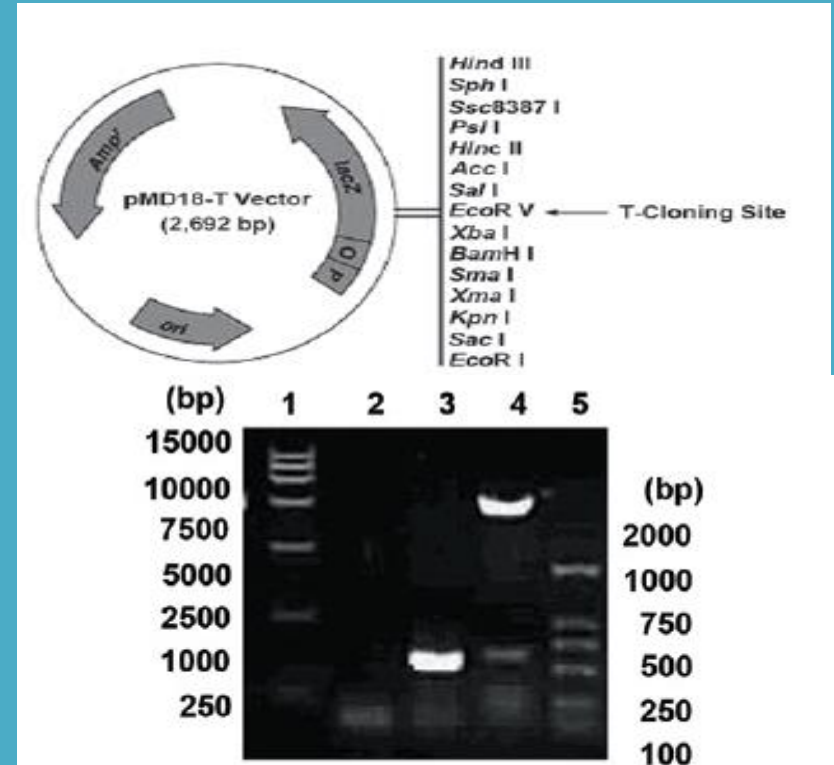
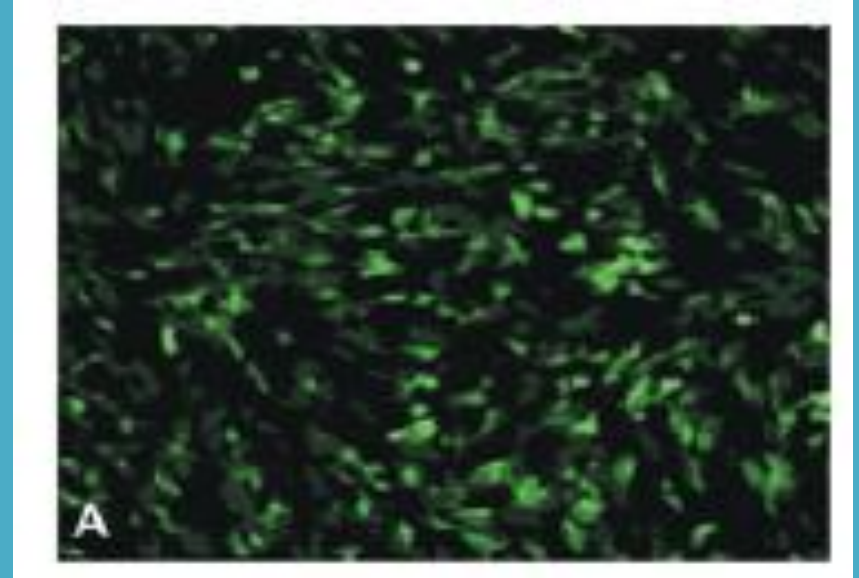


Figure 8. Identification of the recombinant plasmid, pEGFP-hIL-2. Lane 1, 15,000-bp marker; lane 2, water negative control; lane 3, hIL-2; lane 4, pEGFP-hIL-2; lane 5, 2,000-bp marker. pEGFP-hIL-2, enhanced green fluorescent protein-human interleukin-2.

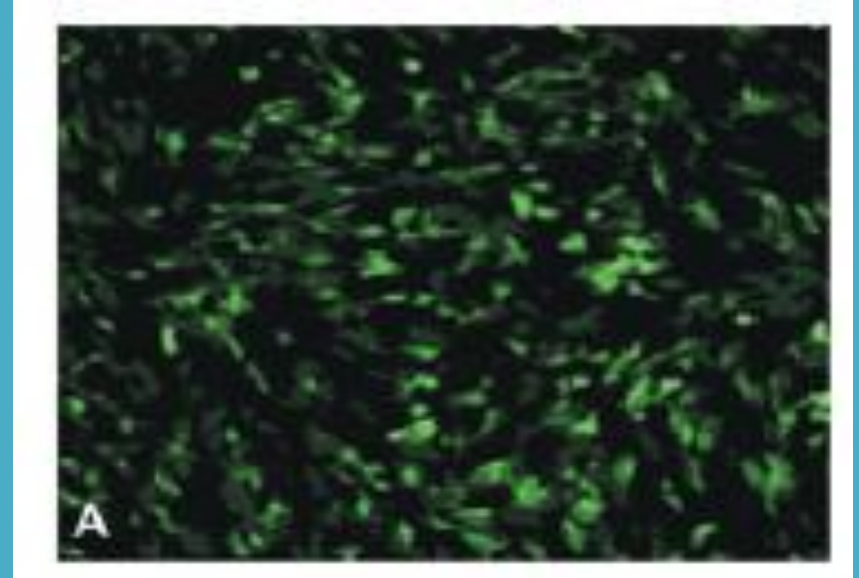
# transfection of pMD-hIL-2 into AF-MSCs

- AF-MSCs were inoculated during the logarithmic growth phase
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## expression il-2

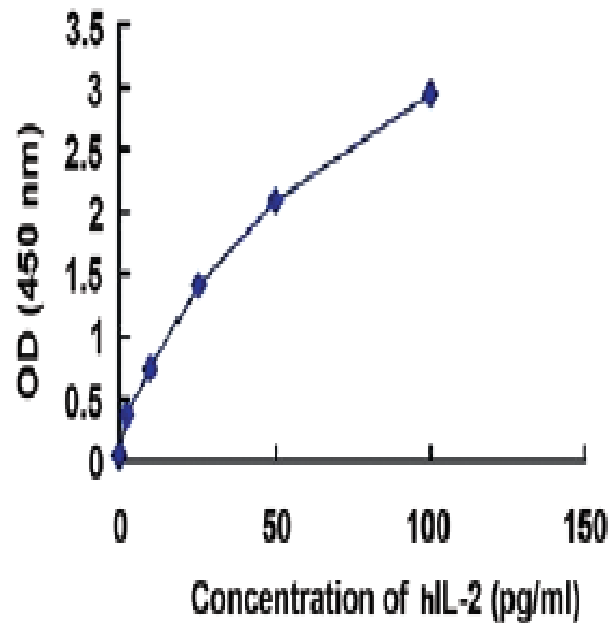


Figure 10. Expression of the hIL-2 gene following transfection into amniotic fluid mesenchymal stem cells. OD, optical density; hIL-2, human interleukin-2.



# Establishing an ovarian cancer animal

- SKOV3 ovarian cancer cells
- nu/nu-BALB/c nude mouse
- subcutaneously injected into the scapula region.
- 2 or 18 days before tumor cells inoculation
- tumor reached 1 cm in diameter
- AF-MSCs transiently transfected, pMD-hIL-2 were injected into the caudal vein of each ovarian cancer mouse
- Six weeks green fluorescence was apparent around the tumor tissue

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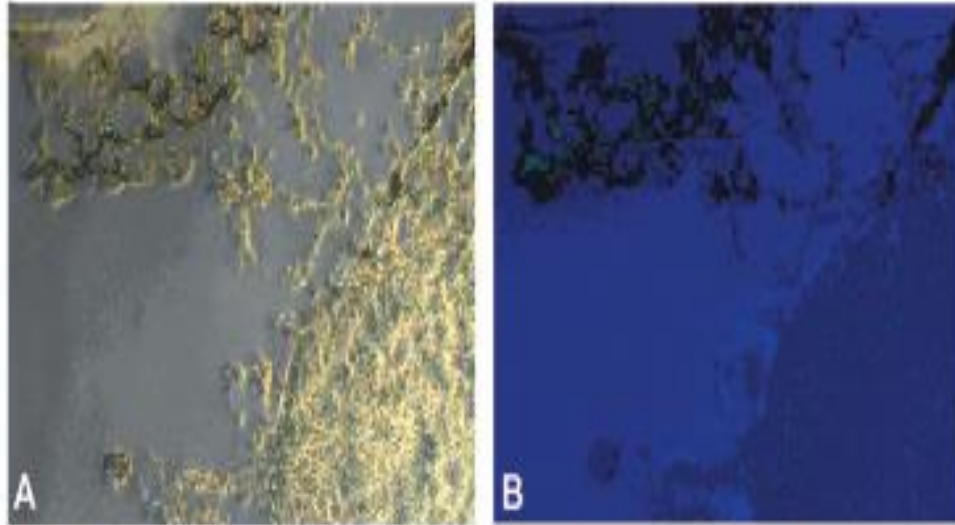


Figure 12. GFP-labeled amniotic fluid mesenchymal stem cells surrounding the tumor mass. The GFP-specific signal as observed by (A) phase contrast microscopy (magnification, x50) and (B) fluorescence microscopy (magnification, x50). GFP, green fluorescent protein.

# Ultrastructure examination of ovarian cancer cells.

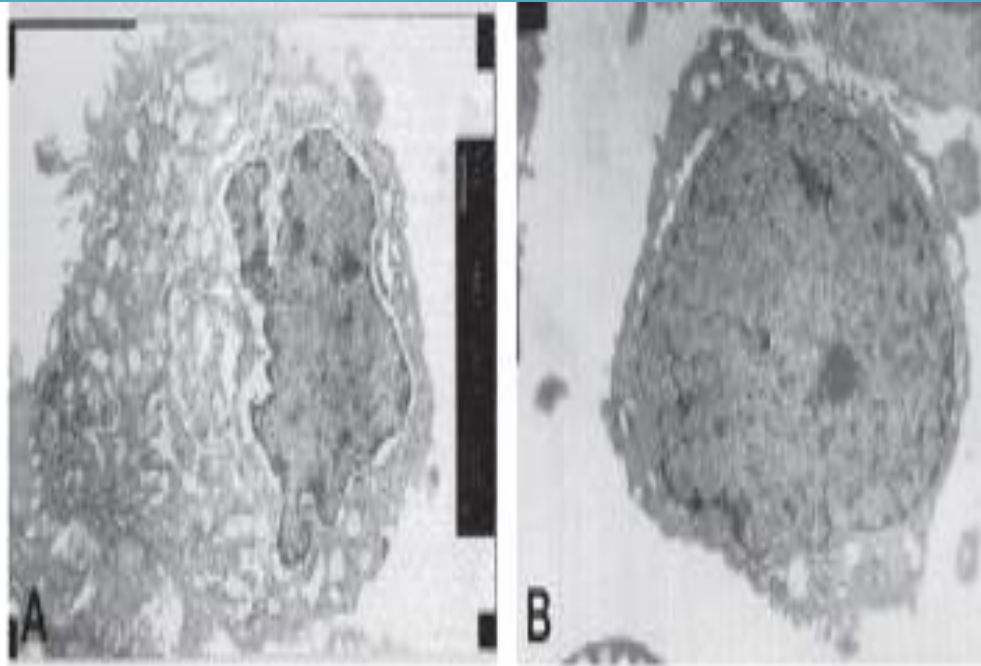


Figure 14. Transmission electron microscopic observation of apoptosis in SKOV3 cells (magnification,  $\times 4,000$ ). (A) Apoptotic SKOV3 cell displaying a swollen endoplasmic reticulum and (B) SKOV3 cell from the control group (magnification,  $\times 4,000$ ).



# Discusstion

- Ovarian cancer is a common type of malignant tumor
- threatens the physical and mental health of females
- majority of patients reached an advanced stage when they are diagnosed
- IL-2 administration stimulates T cell proliferation<sup>[10]</sup>
- physicians attempted to use IL-2 to cure patients suffering with metastasized ovarian cancer
- high concentrations of IL-2 are required
- MSCs systemic or local administration has been investigated in a variety of tumor animal models



- AF-MSCs may be considered as a powerful tool for gene therapy
- in the present study intravenously injected AF-MSCs, that stably express hIL-2,
- In the present study, AF-MSCs transduced with GFP were analyzed in a mouse ovarian cancer model to evaluate the migratory properties in vivo
- are able to trace the subcutaneously transplanted ovarian tumor cells, and secrete IL-2 locally, resulting in the apoptosis of the tumor cells.

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